

DR. RALPH J. BUNCHE

Mr. JAVITS. Mr. President, on April 12, 1962, I took note of remarks made by Representative JAMES B. Urr regarding Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, the Under Secretary on Special Political Affairs of the United Nations. At that time, from my own knowledge of Dr. Bunche, I testified to his loyalty and dedication to his country and to the United Nations.

Since I was unable at the time to deal with the specific allegations, I asked Dr. Bunche to comment on them so that the record would be complete. Dr. Bunche has replied and has informed me that the allegations were merely old charges which have been thoroughly examined and found unsubstantiated by a competent Board—the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board of the U.S. Civil Service Commission.

I ask unanimous consent that excerpts from Dr. Bunche's letter be printed in the Record at this point; and I hope it puts a period to this unfortunate incident relating to a dedicated and patriotic American.

There being no objection, the excerpts were ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

UNITED NATIONS,
New York, N.Y., April 20, 1962.

HON. JACOB K. JAVITS,
Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, U.S.
Senate, Washington, D.C.

I would first like to point out that Mr. Urr's allegations about my record are old, shopworn, and long discredited. In a speech in the House on January 15, also attacking me, Mr. Urr referred to a resume of the record prepared by Archibald B. Roosevelt. All of the material about me in the Urr speech to which you replied was taken from this same source, which is really a tract repeating the allegations made against me 8 years ago to the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board by a hostile informant. This tract has been in circulation throughout that period. It consists of allegations and insinuations, statements lifted out of context, untruths, and half-truths.

I note your suggestion that I provide you with answers to Mr. Urr's charges in order that you may deal specifically with them in the Record. The fact is that I have long ago answered these charges, under oath. There is, as you know, an orderly and sound procedure which has been established by our Government to deal with all accusations of the kind in question made against American citizens employed in international organizations. This is the Loyalty Board mentioned above. The allegations against me, as cited by Mr. Urr, were all examined thoroughly in 1954 by a six-man panel of that Board headed by Mr. Pierce Gerety. The Board, after due deliberation, decided unanimously, and publicly announced that "it has been determined that, on all the evidence, there is no reasonable doubt as to the loyalty of this person to the Government of the United States." I enclose a copy of the Loyalty Board's finding.

In the light of this, you will, I am sure, readily understand my reluctance to continue to give answers to old charges that have been disposed of by the processes which our law has established. Nor, by repeating those answers, would I wish to appear to condone disregard for the finding of the Loyalty Board. * * *

Most sincerely,

RALPH J. BUNCHE

U.S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,
Washington, D.C., May 28, 1954.

(For transmission to the Secretary General of the United Nations.)

Subject: Information furnished under Executive Order No. 10422, as amended by Executive Order No. 10459, with respect to Ralph Johnson Bunche, born August 7, 1904. Employee, United Nations, New York, N.Y.

The Honorable THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

Sir: The person named above, who has been reported to be a U.S. citizen employed or under consideration for employment by the foregoing public international organization, has been the subject of a full field investigation under the provisions of Executive Order No. 10422 of January 9, 1953, as amended by Executive Order No. 10459 of June 2, 1953, and the report or reports of investigation have been duly considered by the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board.

It has been determined that, on all the evidence, there is no reasonable doubt as to the loyalty of this person to the Government of the United States.

Sincerely yours,

PIERCE J. GERETY,
Chairman, International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board.